

PG&E crews cap a gas Leak in Hercules, Contra Costa County, on 03/03/15. Photo Credit: ABC 7 News



SITUATION SUMMARY

Gas Leak, Hercules, Contra Costa County

- At 0951 hours on 03/03/15, the California State Warning Center received a report indicating that evacuations had been ordered due to a gas leak near Sycamore Ave. and San Pablo Ave. in Hercules.
- Evacuations were ordered for the neighborhoods between north and south Front Streets and the Riverview Terrace neighborhood.
- Per the Contra Costa Fire Dispatch via the Cal OES Fire Duty Officer:
 - The incident occurred at approximately 0830 when a construction crew disrupted an 8" natural gas main.
 - The local fire department and PG&E crews responded to scene and the initial shelter in place was expanded to a neighborhood evacuation in the immediate vicinity of the leak.
- Per Contra Costa County OES via the Cal OES Coastal Duty Officer:
 - Reverse 911 was initiated to approximately 1,000 phone numbers as a precaution.
- Per Contra Costa County via the Cal OES Law Duty Officer:
 - As of 1045 hours the leak was contained and the evacuation for the surrounding area was canceled.

House approves DHS funding bill

The House voted Tuesday to fund the Homeland Security Department through the end of the budget year, ending a protracted standoff that centered on objections to President Obama's controversial immigration actions. The House voted 257-167 for the legislation, which includes no immigration provisions, and was carried over the finish line with mostly Democratic votes. In a statement late Tuesday, President Obama said he would sign the legislation as soon as it reached his desk.

Weather of Concern

· No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

• SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

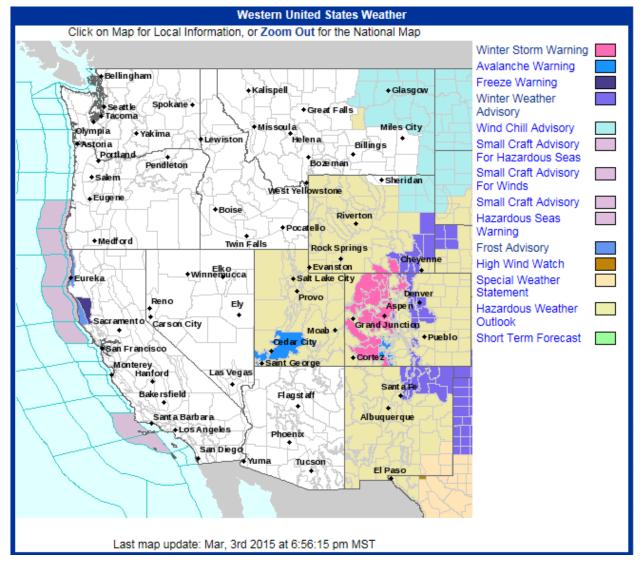
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some high cloudiness is expected to move south across the region today as a very weak trough passes through in the wake of the low pressure system now departing Southern California. Over the next few days, a high pressure ridge currently off shore will move over California. The high will become a little stronger late in the week. It appears likely that the high will weaken quite a bit Sunday but still lingering through Monday as another shift in weather pattern takes place. A low pressure trough well off shore at that time may move ashore with some precipitation around the middle of next week. There will be a significant warming trend for most areas this week. Over the weekend, the warmest inland valleys will have afternoon temperatures in the mid and upper 70's. For the northern Sacramento Valley in particular, afternoon highs will be on the order of 15 degrees above normal. The airmass will become increasingly dry, and many areas will begin to see moderate to poor overnight relative humidity recovery. Winds will be northerly at light to locally moderate speeds, followed by lighter, more variable winds late this week into the weekend. Sunday light westerly winds are expected, but Sunday night a return to light northerly winds is possible.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

North flow aloft on the back side of a low pressure area that is currently off the Northern Baja Coast will maintain below normal temperatures and high humidity across the region today. Maximum temperatures will be in the upper 30s and 40s across the mountains and in the mid 50s to mid 60s in the valleys today. Warming and drying will take place Wednesday through Saturday as high pressure approaches the California Coast and then moves overhead. Temperatures will reach the low 80s across the warmer valley locations Friday and Saturday. Offshore winds of 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph will surface across the mountains and below the canyons and passes of Southern California Thursday morning through Saturday morning. High pressure will weaken and shift back offshore bringing a cooling trend and an increase in humidity Sunday through early next week.

STATE WEATHER MAP



FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- Recovery Individual Assistance continues to work with Mono County on the Initial Damage Estimate.
- The American Red Cross and Salvation Army continue to offer their support services.



CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Costal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning 02/09/15.





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We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.

